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1. STATE 306482 WHICH REQUESTS THAT THIS MISSION DELAY THE
TRANSFER OF "SOME FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING FUNCTIONS" TO THE
NORWEGIAN MILITARY SERVICES, IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING AND RATHER
AMBIGUOUS.

2. GIVEN THE DRAW-DOWN IN THE SIZE OF THE ODC, AND AFTER AN
INTENSIVE REVIEW OF MAAG FUNCTIONS, I HAVE DETERMINED THAT
CERTAIN FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY THE MAAG WOULD
HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GON. IN A SERIES OF MESSAGES
BEGINNING LAST SUMMER, TRAINING HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN
IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THESE FUNCTIONS. MOREOVER, IN A
CONVERSATION LAST AUGUST WITH THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE
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HE STATED TO ME THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS TIME THAT THE
GON PERFORMED FOR THEMSELVES TASKS SUCH AS PROCESSING
TRAINING RQMTS (REF B).

3. MOREOVER, GIVEN THE DEPARTURE IN EARLY DECEMBER OF OUR
ARMY TRAINING OFFICER, IT WAS CLEAR THAT AFTER THIS MONTH

WE SIMPLY WOULD NOT HAVE AT HAND THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PERFORM PAST TRAINING FUNCTIONS. THESE HAVE NOW IN ANY CASE BEEN LARGELY TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE GON OFFICES, EXCEPT FOR USN PROVIDED RNOAF TRNG OF WHICH FINAL DETAILS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COVERED WITH THE RNOAF TRNG OFFICER ON 3 JAN 77. PARTICIPATION OF THE THREE SERVICES HAS COMMENCED IN PROCESSING THE FEB 77 COURSES INDICATED IN REF C. ODC WILL ASSIST AS NECESSARY WITH THEIR INITIAL EFFORTS AND WE EXPECT THAT VERY SHORTLY ODC PARTICIPATION IN TRNG WILL BE SIMPLY THAT OF MONITORING AND ADVISING.

4. TO COMPLY WITH GENERAL INTENTIONS OF STATE 306482 WE WOULD IN EFFECT HAVE TO REVERSE THE PROCESS AND ASSUME ANEW RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING FUNCTIONS BY TAKING THEM BACK FROM THE GON AT A TIME WHEN WE NO LONGER HAVE THE RESOURCES IN ODC TO DO THE JOB. I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE WISE COURSE AND INSTEAD RECOMMEND THAT MISSION CONTINUES AS PLANNED. PLEASE ADVISE.
ANDERS

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